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Representative Lisa Subeck Joins Democratic Colleagues Announcing Agenda for Economic Opportunity Rep. Subeck stands ready to work to restore economic opportunity for Wisconsin families

MADISON – Today, Rep. Lisa Subeck (D-Madison) joined other Assembly Democrats to announce their Economic Opportunity Agenda: 15 Bills for 2015, a package of legislation that will help restore economic opportunities for all of Wisconsin's workers, students, and families.

"My constituents elected me to work on restoring economic opportunity for the people in the 78th Assembly District and across Wisconsin," said Representative Lisa Subeck. "The bills my Democratic colleagues and I put forward today will raise wages, create family supporting jobs, and grow Wisconsin's middle class. I look forward to working to advance these proposals and helping to ensure they receive the strong bipartisan support they deserve."

Together with Representative Eric Genrich (D-Green Bay) Subeck is leading efforts on a "Buy Wisconsin" bill, which is a part of the "15 bills for 2015" package. The Buy Wisconsin bill encourages state and local governments to buy materials and services from Wisconsin-based businesses by setting minimum contracting goals directing that not less than 20% of a fiscal year's purchases be procured from Wisconsin-based businesses. This is a bold, yet achievable, target that will have a dramatic impact on Wisconsin's economy.

In addition, this bill requires the Department of Administration to begin collecting information about the domicile of all business entities with whom the state conducts business and sets a goal that local governments not purchase less from state-based businesses than in the prior year.

"Wisconsin continues to lag behind in job and wage growth, and we are facing one of the largest budget deficits in the country because of short-sighted Republican policies," said Subeck. "Today, with the announcement of Buy Wisconsin and the other 14 bills included in our Economic Opportunity Agenda, my Democratic colleagues and I offer a forward-looking solution to ensure economic opportunities are available for all Wisconsin residents."

A full list of the bills included in the Economic Opportunity Agenda: 15 Bills for 2015 is attached.

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